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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about FIG and its activities. The information referred here is in full length available on the FIG web site. Thus the e-Newsletter is produced to inform you what has happened recently and what interesting things are going to take place in the near future. The FIG e-Newsletter is circulated monthly by e-mail. The referred articles are in English and written in a way that you are able to extract them to your national newsletters or circulate to your members and networks.

We apologise for this late and quite short April edition due to the Congress just held in Sydney, Australia, and the volcanic eruption in Iceland which caused quite many problems for many congress participants delaying their home return – including the FIG office.

Article of the Month – April 2010

On the FIG web site we publish each month a paper called the Article of the Month. This is a high-level paper focusing on interesting topics to all surveyors. It can be picked up from an FIG conference or another event. The Article of the Month in April 2010 is "*Spatially Enabled Government in New South Wales, Australia*". It is written by **Warwick Watkins** AM and Dr. **Pedro Harris** from Australia. This paper is based on the keynote presentation of Warwick Watkins, Surveyor General of New South Wales, which was presented at the 2nd plenary session on Spatially Enabled Society at the FIG Congress 2010 in Sydney.

Read the article:

www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/april_2010/april_2010_watkins_harris.html

FIG Congress 2010 - Facing the Challenges – Building the Capacity, Sydney, Australia, 11-16 April 2010



Aboriginal dance at the opening ceremony.

The XXIV FIG Congress was successfully carried through and had more than 2,200 participants from 100 countries. The Sydney Convention Centre swarmed with people from all over the world in festive and colourful dresses who participated in the more than 150 technical session, plenary sessions, and flash sessions with about 800 presentations and throughout the exhibition hall with many interesting exhibitors.



Tim Flannery making his keynote address.

An extensive report from the Congress together with picture galleries will be available soon and included in the next edition of the FIG e-Newsletter.

The proceedings are available at: www.fig.net/pub/fig2010 (handouts of presentations will be added soon).

FIG General Assembly 2010 elected new FIG President for 2011-2014, 2 Vice Presidents, appointed Chairs of all FIG Commission and decided on the venue for FIG 2014



Stig Enemark, FIG President 2007-2010 and **Teo CheeHai**, President Elect 2011-2014 after the election.

Main decisions of the FIG General Assembly in Sydney included the election of the new FIG President and two Vice Presidents for 2011-2014. At its meeting 16 April 2010, the FIG General Assembly elected **Teo CheeHai** from Malaysia as the new FIG President for the period 2011-2014. At a very tight election Teo CheeHai won **Matt Higgins** from Australia and **Iain Greenway** from United Kingdom.

Dr. **Chryssy Potsiou** and Prof. **Rudolf Staiger** were each elected for Vice Presidents for 4 years (2011 - 2014) and Dr. **Dalal Alnaggar** for the remaining two-year period that was left from Teo CheeHai (2011-2012).

At a voting on the venue for the FIG Congress 2014 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia won over Istanbul, Turkey.



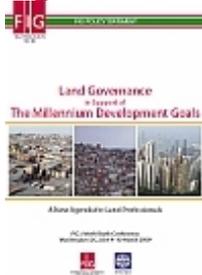
Malaysian delegation making their presentation for the General Assembly.

The General Assembly accepted new member associations from Albania, Benin, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus and Nepal, ten new affiliates and several other members in FIG.

Pedro Cavero, Paul van der Molen and Helge Onsrud were appointed to Honorary Members.

Full report and minutes of the General Assembly decisions will follow shortly.

Eight new FIG publications launched at the FIG Congress in Sydney



Following eight new FIG publications were launched and circulated as hard copies at the FIG Congress in Sydney in April 2010. FIG Office will send a hard copy of each publication to all FIG members in May together with the General Assembly minutes. You can read the publications already now as .pdf files.

- FIG Publication No. 45: Land Governance in Support of The Millennium Development Goals. A New Agenda for Land Professionals. FIG / World Bank Conference, Washington DC, USA 9–10 March 2009. FIG Policy Statement, 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub45/figpub45.pdf
- FIG Publication No. 46: Enhancing Surveying Education through e-Learning. A publication of FIG Commission 2 – Professional Education. FIG Report, 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub46/figpub46.pdf
- FIG Publication No. 47: Institutional and Organisational Development - A Guide for Managers. FIG Guide, 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub47/figpub47.pdf
- FIG Publication No. 48: Rapid Urbanization and Mega Cities: The Need for Spatial Information Management. Research study by FIG Commission 3. FIG Report 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub48/figpub48.pdf

- FIG Publication No. 49: Cost Effective GNSS Positioning Techniques. FIG Commission 5 Publication. FIG Report, 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub49/figpub49.pdf
- FIG Publication No. 50: History of Surveying. FIG Report 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub50/figpub50.pdf
- FIG Publication No. 51: Hanoi Declaration: Land Acquisition in Emerging Economies. FIG Policy Statement, 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub51/figpub51.pdf
- FIG Publication No. 52: The Social Tenure Domain Model - A Pro-Poor Land Tool. FIG Report, 2010
www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub52/figpub52.pdf

FAO and FIG Commission 7 WG 7.3 publication "FLOSS in Cadastre and Land Registration - Opportunities and Risks"

FAO Land Tenure Group and FIG Commission 7 WG 7.3 have launched a publication "*FLOSS in Cadastre and Land Registration - Opportunities and Risks*". Land administration and cadastral systems in the 21st century depend on the use of information technology (IT) tools. This publication explores the advantages, and disadvantages of open source solutions within the context of cadastre and land registration. It is the result of four years of cooperation between FAO and FIG WG 7.3. Read the report: www.fig.net/pub/fao/floss_cadastre.pdf

Other publications and Commission newsletters:

FIG Annual Review 2009

www.fig.net/annual_review/anrew09/areview2009.pdf

FIG Commission 2 Newsletter - January 2010

www.fig.net/commission2/newsletters/com2_jan2010_newsletter.pdf

Forthcoming events

8-12 May 2010, Zagreb, Croatia

International Geodetic Students Meeting (IGSM)

Web site: <http://igsm2010.geof.hr/>

10-11 May, Hannover, Lower Saxony, Germany

International Land Management Symposium on "Strategies for Improving Urban – Rural Inter-Relationships, Best Practice and Regional Solutions" Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 3

Web site: www.fig.net/commission3

14-15 May 2010, Alba Iulia, Romania

GeoCAD'2010 Geodesy, Topography, Cadastre and Land Registry. Organised by "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia – Faculty of Sciences University of West Hungary – Faculty of Geoinformatics, Székesfehérvár National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registry, Agency of Alba County. Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 2

10-13 July, San Diego, CA, USA

The 2010 Survey & Engineering GIS Summit. Organised as part of the ESRI User Conference. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.esri.com/events/survey

26-28 August, London, United Kingdom

FIG Commission 2 Workshop. Organised by FIG Commission 2.

Web site: www.fig.net/commission2

15-17 September, Zurich, Switzerland

2010 International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation (IPIN). Co-sponsored by FIG Commission 5.

Web site: www.ipin.ethz.ch

15-17 September, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)

International Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructures 2010. Co-sponsored by FIG.

Web site: www.agisee.org/sdiconf2010.htm

6-10 September, Czech Republic

FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting.

Web site: www.fig.net/commission7

14-17 November, Sofia Bulgaria

Joint FIG Commission 3 Annual Meeting and Comm. 3 and 7 Workshop on: "Information and Land Management. A Decade after the Millennium"

25-26 November, Copenhagen

FIG Seminar and Handover Ceremony.

Web site: www.fig.net

18-22 May, Marrakech, Morocco

Bridging the Gap between Cultures. FIG Working Week and General Assembly.

Web site: www.fig.net/fig2011

For **additional FIG and FIG Commission events** see always up-to-date information at: www.fig.net/events/events.htm

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